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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 236  
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A RESOLUTION To specially recognize one of Tennessee's best and brightest students, Tessie Harrell, 2001 Seymour High School Valedictorian.

WHEREAS, Students who work hard, demonstrate superior academic standards and are successful bode well for the future of our communities and state, because they are our future business and civic leaders; and

WHEREAS, Tessie Harrell, the 2001 Seymour High School Valedictorian, is one such admirable example of a student role model, who has shown steady composure at examination time, always been ready for a new challenge and thrived on strong competition; and

WHEREAS, Her long and impressive list of honors also includes: "Most Active" Senior Class Superlative; Region Speaking 4-H Champion and District Speaking 4-H Champion; and highest grade point average in Chemistry, in Nutrition and Food, and in Family and Consumer Science; and

WHEREAS, In the finest tradition of the "Volunteer State," she has generously contributed her time and leadership to many important civic groups, as Secretary of Y-Teens, as

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a DARE Role Model, as Social Chairperson of the 4-H Honor Club, as Parliamentarian and Social Coordinator of the Beta Club, and as Junior Beta Club State and National Secretary; and

WHEREAS, She has also been an active member of the Beta Club (all four years), Stand (10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grades), the Keyettes (10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grades), the Latin Club, the National Honor Club, Future Homemakers of America, and Future Teachers of America; and

WHEREAS, This well-rounded student-athlete has been a member of the school track team all four years, Student Athlete of the Week, Best All-Around Runner, a member of the All-County Track Team, Most Outstanding Distance Runner, and was a well received dancer in the popular Paul Vick video; and

WHEREAS, A four-year participant, Tessie is a highly regarded cheerleader, who has served admirably as Captain of the team during the Senior season, received All-Star Cheerleader designation for her excellent work, was the third-place finisher in the tough Individual Cheer Competition, while only a freshman; and a member of the Dance Team (9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades); and

WHEREAS, Her community service includes: collection of cans for the Seymour versus Gatlinburg Pittman Food Drive, a participant in the YMCA Food Drive for Y-Teens, volunteer work for Special Olympics, the Angel Tree program, Coats for the Cold for Beta Club, and School Aid for Bosnian Students; and

WHEREAS, Tessie has also worked at Taco Bell, PJ's Eurotan, as a staff member of the Universal Cheerleading Association, and has received considerable praise by her employers and coworkers. She served as a crew trainer during her senior year; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to join her very proud parents, Jeff and DeAnna Harrell, her school and her community in providing special recognition for her numerous accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Tessie Harrell on being named the 2001 Seymour High School Valedictorian and wish her much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.